

*Sūrah ar-Ra‘d*⁵⁷⁰

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Alif, Lām, Meem, Rā.⁵⁷¹ These are the verses of the Book; and what has been revealed to you from your Lord is the truth, but most of the people do not believe.
2. It is Allāh who erected the heavens without pillars that you [can] see; then He established Himself above the Throne and made subject⁵⁷² the sun and the moon, each running [its course] for a specified term. He arranges [each] matter; He details the signs that you may, of the meeting with your Lord, be certain.
3. And it is He who spread the earth and placed therein firmly set mountains and rivers; and from all of the fruits He made therein two mates; He causes the night to cover the day. Indeed in that are signs for a people who give thought.
4. And within the land are neighboring plots and gardens of grapevines and crops and palm trees, [growing] several from a root or otherwise,⁵⁷³ watered with one water; but We make some of them exceed others in [quality of] fruit. Indeed in that are signs for a people who reason.
5. And if you are astonished,⁵⁷⁴ [O Muḥammad] – then astonishing is their saying, "When we are dust, will we indeed be [brought] into a new creation?" Those are the ones who have disbelieved in their Lord, and those will have shackles⁵⁷⁵ upon their necks, and those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally.
6. They impatiently urge you to bring about evil before good,⁵⁷⁶

⁵⁷⁰ *Ar-Ra‘d*: Thunder.

⁵⁷¹ See footnote to 2:1.

⁵⁷² For the benefit of mankind.

⁵⁷³ i.e., only one from a root.

⁵⁷⁴ At those who deny resurrection.

⁵⁷⁵ Iron collars to which their hands are chained.

⁵⁷⁶ They said, challenging the Prophet (ﷺ) in ridicule, "Bring on the punishment, if you are truthful," rather than asking for mercy and forgiveness from Allāh.

while there has already occurred before them similar punishments [to what they demand]. And indeed, your Lord is full of forgiveness for the people despite their wrongdoing, and indeed, your Lord is severe in penalty.

7. And those who disbelieved say, "Why has a sign not been sent down to him from his Lord?" You are only a warner, and for every people is a guide.
8. Allāh knows what every female carries⁵⁷⁷ and what the wombs lose [prematurely] or exceed.⁵⁷⁸ And everything with Him is by due measure.
9. [He is] Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, the Grand, the Exalted.
10. It is the same [to Him] concerning you whether one conceals [his] speech or one publicizes it and whether one is hidden by night or conspicuous [among others] by day.
11. For him [i.e., each one] are successive [angels]⁵⁷⁹ before and behind him who protect him by the decree of Allāh.⁵⁸⁰ Indeed, Allāh will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves. And when Allāh intends for a people ill,⁵⁸¹ there is no repelling it. And there is not for them besides Him any patron.
12. It is He who shows you lightening, [causing] fear and aspiration, and generates the heavy clouds.
13. And the thunder exalts [Allāh] with praise of Him – and the angels [as well] from fear of Him – and He sends thunderbolts and strikes therewith whom He wills while they dispute about Allāh; and He is severe in assault.

⁵⁷⁷With absolute knowledge inclusive of every aspect of the fetus' existence.

⁵⁷⁸Beyond their normal period of pregnancy and/or the number of fetuses therein.

⁵⁷⁹Replacing each other by turn.

⁵⁸⁰The phrase may also be rendered "...who guard him from [everything except] the decree of Allāh."

⁵⁸¹i.e., punishment or destruction because of their sins.